

## Judges Tour Mental Health Treatment Facilities

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On Friday, February 19, 2016, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Acting Director, Robin Kay, Ph.D., launched a training and group of van tours to provide support for four new Community Collaborative Courts recently established by Judge James R. Brandlin and Judge Scott Gordon.

Sixty people representing various collaborating entities participated, including LA County Superior Court Judges and representatives from the offices and departments of the District Attorney, Sheriff, Probation, LA City Attorney, Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI), LA County Mental Health Commission, and LACDMH.

In the morning, a training session was provided on LACDMH Community-based Services and Countywide Resource Management at Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center. At the conclusion of the training, participants boarded vans which took

the groups on tours to visit various mental health care facilities serving the four Community Collaborative Courts located in Downtown Los Angeles, Long Beach, Van Nuys and Compton. The van tours included site visits to Gateways Normandie Village Adult Residential Facility, Special Services for Groups Project 180, Downtown Mental Health Center, Tarzana Treatment Center, Olive View Community Mental Health Urgent Care Center, Mental Health America's Village, BHS Redgate Memorial Recovery Center, Long Beach Mental Health Center, Augustus F. Hawkins Community Mental Health Center, MLK Mental Health Urgent Care Center – Exodus Recovery, and MLK Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center. The day long training and tours were a great success in building collaboration among all participants and across departments to support the four new Community Collaborative Courts. The enthusiastic participants were delighted with the opportunity to learn about and visit various mental health care providers and facilities providing mental health care services to justice involved clients.